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THE LUSITANIA SINKING.

The torpedoing of the Lusitania, supposedly by a German submarine, evokes through the United States a shudder of horror and indignation. Not only because American citizens were lost in the chaos after the vessel was struck, but because non-combatants, women and children, were ruthlessly placed at the mercy of the seas.

It is not the fact that there were 188 Americans aboard that stirs national feeling, but the fact that there were 1400 passengers aboard when the liner on a peaceful errand was struck her death-blow. This is not the concern of a country, but the concern of the civilized world. It is not a national but an international disgrace that such an act can be committed under any circumstances. It is a saddening commentary on 1900 years of Christianity.

The tense anxiety manifested locally yesterday, at the first news of the Lusitania's sinking gave way to relief at the reports in the afternoon that probably all the passengers and crew were saved. This report quickly proved erroneous when the rescue vessels reached the harbors. Then the toll of life began to be counted.

This incident shows how far from the usages of warfare accepted as legitimate a year ago the belligerents have gone. The British "ring of steel around Germany, with its program of seizure for neutral and non-contraband cargoes would have been thought beyond the pale of civilized warfare in February, 1914, just as in May, 1914, the sinking of a transatlantic passenger liner carrying hundreds of non-combatants would have been regarded as incredibly cruel. The imminent danger to non-combatants is not the only cause for protest. The same reasoning that makes it justifiable to sink passenger vessels in British waters can make it justifiable to sink passenger vessels carrying the British flag in any part of the world.

Will a protest by the United States do any good? We doubt it. A protest to the mad-dened belligerents is not likely to do good unless backed up by armed force, and certainly the temper of America is not yet ready to support the administration in a move that would involve the United States in this hapless and largely hopeless war.

Germany will say, "The Americans were warned." But to this there is the answer, "Warning to others does not give any nation the right to do such deeds." Great Britain's warning against sending any sort of cargoes to Germany does not mean that she has the right to enforce her order but proves that she has the right to enforce it.

This Lusitania disaster, like the infinitely less important commercial matter of stopping American cargoes, illustrates the burdens that neutrals must bear while belligerents fight out their differences.

Almost daily a new situation is arising for some future international law to deal with. No international law, it seems, is safe now from the exigencies which belligerents justify as "essential to the preservation of their vital interests." All that America can do unless America is ready to fight—is to protest, to lay the basis for future satisfaction, and to help create a body of public opinion, which, when this mad conflict is ended, will evolve laws and an international force to support them, guarding forever against ruthless violation.

JAPAN BAFLED.

Count Okuma's ministry is trembling, and rightly so, because of the Japan-China situation.

It would not be surprising to see a part at least of the ministry fall, notably the foreign ministry, headed by Baron Kato. Kato's policy has had altogether too much of iron and

too little of the milk of kindness in it to suit either the world or the calm thinkers of his own country.

Such influential and representative journals as the Tokio Nichi Nichi and the Osaka Mainichi strongly oppose Japan's present attitude. They opposed the "Group Five" demands and they opposed Kato's treatment of the whole situation.

Okuma personally is friendly to China. He is perhaps the best-posted man on Chinese affairs now in the cabinet. His own writings favored China. There is good reason to believe that Baron Kato and the radicals were able to push Okuma into a position he did not wish to take—the position from which the whole ministry has had to recede.

The withdrawal of the "Group Five" demands removes the most distasteful of the privileges Japan sought. Quite enough are left to give the Japanese a strong voice in Chinese affairs, to the greater glory of Japanese commerce.

THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF A CLEAN CITY.

Every city should display the spirit of "polishing up the handle of the big front door" as it were, in anticipation of the entertainment of visitors. Places where tourists are wont to congregate have been brightened and freshened and the result of it all is comfort and attractiveness, and makes for pleasure and profit.

Analogy suggests that the whole city get in line as sections have done. The initiative has been taken by private citizens who have made up their minds to do their share toward putting the municipal house in order. There should be some way to excite enthusiasm which will make this fever for cleanliness and bright color contagious. If it will only spread from Kalihi to Kaimuki and from Allen street to the rear of Punchbowl, through even the business district, until the entire city is in its most presentable dress, then the municipality will have made proper and businesslike preparation for the entertainment of its visitors sure to come from the big exposition on the coast, and at the same time will be a joy in the eyes of its own inhabitants. The "neighborhood clean-up" is the best and quickest way of arriving at the desired result. Make the neighborhood clean and bright. It will not be long until the clean-up campaign will cause progressive neighborhoods to overlap, and the result must be "the most attractive city in the world." And that is just the verdict that we want to hear from our tourists.

The Star-Bulletin has received more letters than it can possibly publish on the alleged discrimination against the soldiers at the mayor's luau on Tuesday night. All of them express the liveliest resentment. This affair should be thoroughly ventilated, otherwise it will remain a black eye for all Honolulu. Those responsible for the situation should apologize to the army.

The determination shown by Secretary Daniels to make his contemplated trip here leads to the belief that he's not going to let the congressmen get any points on him in Seeing Hawaii First.

All Hawaii's compliments were extended to Uncle Joe Cannon yesterday. Incidentally, May 7 should now be added to the substantial list of territorial holidays.

Japan has eliminated Group Five and has forty-seven demands left. That makes a noise like real diplomacy.

The latest guessing game has been provided by the police—what has become of Jack McGrath?

China is not smashed—only cracked.

MORANHO OFFER LIKELY TO MEAN OFFICIAL PROBE

The district attorney's office or the civil service commission probably will make an investigation why Mounted Officer M. P. Moranho should be willing to drop a criminal charge on a man of damages. At 2 o'clock the morning of May 5, the horse which Officer Moranho was riding at the intersection of Kalakaua avenue and King street was struck by a machine

driven by Lieut. S. H. Wheeler, 25th Infantry. In a recent letter to the officer Moranho said he would drop all charges if the lieutenant would pay him \$100.

Lieut. Wheeler says that he received no notice of a suit for damages, nor was he arrested on a charge of heedless driving. Both the officer and Moranho tell practically the same story regarding the accident. It is believed that Moranho, in offering to withdraw the case upon the payment of \$100, has violated section 4049 of the revised laws of 1915, which provide as punishment a sentence of not more than five years or a fine not exceeding \$500.

Circuit Judge W. L. Whitney today approved the adoption of Abigail Kallieha, a minor, by William Kapua and Emily Kapua, his wife.

K. C. EXCURSION HERE IS CALLED OFF INDEFINITELY

That the proposed excursion of the Knights of Columbus to Honolulu is off is the information contained in a letter to the Star-Bulletin from Edward H. Coleman of San Francisco, chairman of the excursion committee. He writes that satisfactory financial arrangements could not be made but that the organization hopes to come next year.

OLD DOC'S TALK

SARCASM

The use of sarcasm, my boy, doesn't indicate any special intelligence or literary ability.

It's cheap venom. And the persons who secrete it in their words are generally avoided as snakes and other biting things are.

Used legitimately, sarcasm, my boy, has its place to pierce conceit, punch dogmatic ignorance; to bring down the haughty and arrogant; to set quackery and pseudo-science where they will be found out; but, my son, it should never become a habit with you or be used among your friends.

In fact, I believe that there are very few persons in the world who mean to be sarcastic with their friends; what they say is misunderstood; a very innocent, well-intentioned remark is misinterpreted.

A great many folks, my boy, are not constituted to receive a humorous remark; they fail to understand the whimsical kindness of those who run over with mirth, and they call the really gentle, good-natured rally they hear—sarcasm.

To them it's sarcasm, because they

don't understand it, being impervious to fun, and have no other name but "sarcasm" at hand. I have known some dear, good, kindhearted folk; who never said a sarcastic thing in their lives, my boy, who are called sarcastic. They're just humorists in a dull community: just individuals who happen to be brighter and cleverer and livelier than the persons they are talking to. Their genuine shafts of sunshine fall upon focussed glasses and are perverted; their one clear white ray is broken upon a prism.

Yet, my son, never mind. If you know that everything you say is said kindly and with good intent, the dull persons who misunderstand you won't much matter.

Your fun, your irrepressible geniality, your unaffected, bright-sidedness will finally become known for what they are: sun-sparks by which even your dull friends will at last be warmed.

—CHANG CHAU: I wish to say that Japan is acting the part of a robber in her attitude toward China and every Chinese resents it. There is no right in it, merely force.

—RUDOLPH HEYDENRICH: The governor's reception and ball made some swell affair and called out some "glad rags," but, believe me, it will be duplicated at the formal opening of "Heine's" on the beach at Waikiki about the first of next month.

—GOVERNOR PINKHAM: There are so many people who say they "understand" this and they "understand" something else and they ask me all about it. Answering all of these, I say they "understand" nothing until I, if it concerns myself, have made up my mind definitely on whatever subject they "understand," at which time I will publicly announce the "understanding." Now I am going home and rest up my understanding for a couple of days.

Personal Mention

JOSEPH J. FERN, jailer, was out yesterday for the first time in six weeks, since he was taken seriously ill.

MRS. J. P. MEDEIROS of Waialua, this island, left in the Sierra today to join her husband in San Francisco.

MISS MARY LANE, formerly secretary to Governor Mead of Washington, is the house guest of Representative and Mrs. Charles H. Brown of Manoa valley.

MR. AND MRS. A. K. AONA and Miss Maria Lalakea left for Hilo on the Kilauea this afternoon to attend the funeral of the late T. K. Lalakea, father of Mrs. Aona and Miss Lalakea.

MANUEL P. MATTOS, manager of the Ideal Clothing company, who has been visiting the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco and some of the Eastern cities, is expected to return in the Wilhelmina Tuesday.

FRED S. SMALL, well known Los Angeles business man, is at the Bellevue. He is on his way to Honolulu to visit his brother-in-law, Mott-Smith, one of the leading merchants of the Hawaiian Islands.—San Francisco Examiner.

MAJ. A. KARASODANI of the Japanese army was a through passenger in the Chiyu Maru yesterday on his way to Yokohama. In an interview he declared that Japan will never give up until China concedes to the former's demands.

J. M. SPALDING of Kauai returned to the territory in the Chiyu Maru yesterday and will spend a month here prior to resuming his trip around the world. He is accompanied by J. S. Carstairs, recently discharged from active duty with the French army.

REV. F. N. COCKCROFT, for five years rector of the Episcopal church in this city, will leave with his family next week for the Hawaiian Islands, where he has accepted an appointment as teacher and missionary on one of the islands of the group.—Redding (Cal.) Searchlight.

H. E. BURNETT, traveling passenger agent of the big Oceanic Steamship Company of New York, returned to the mainland today in the Sierra. "Now I'll know what I am talking about when I advise patrons to visit Hawaii," said Mr. Burnett at the time of his departure. "But no amount of telling can describe the charm of these islands. People must see for themselves to believe."

PERLEY HORNE will be the speaker at the First Congregational church Sunday evening in a stereopticon talk on the mid-Pacific islands, where for ten years he was principal of the Kamehameha school in Honolulu. Mr. Horne gave a similar address to a meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood a short time ago and it was received with such interest that he has been asked to be the speaker Sunday evening in place of the regular evening service.—North Yakima Herald.

But it's difficult to judge a woman by what she doesn't say.

If you would remain a favorite never ask a favor.

DWELLINGS FOR RENT.

FURNISHED	
2222A Kalia road, Waikiki.....	2 bedrooms.....\$30.00
2222 Kalia road, Waikiki.....	2 " ".....50.00
1811A Kalia road, Waikiki.....	6 " ".....40.00
Diamond Head road.....	3 " ".....60.00
College Hills.....	3 " ".....45.00
Tantalus Heights.....	3 " ".....45.00
UNFURNISHED	
1148 Lunalilo St.....	3 bedrooms.....\$30.00
1112 9th Ave., Kaimuki.....	3 " ".....25.00
1224 Palolo Hill road.....	3 " ".....30.00
1065 14th Ave., Kaimuki.....	3 " ".....30.00
1028 Green street.....	4 " ".....40.00
2146 Gulick Ave., Kaimuki.....	2 " ".....40.00
1475 Thurston Ave.....	4 " ".....40.00
1301 Auld lane, Palama.....	3 " ".....25.00
Kunawai lane, off Liliha St.....	3 " ".....20.00

Guardian Trust Company, Ltd.,
Stangenwald Bldg., Merchant St.

McCARN GOING TO COAST; WILL NOT QUIT LOCAL JOB

After Trying Civil Cases In
Nashville, His Address Will
Be "Honolulu, T. H."

Jeff McCarn, U. S. district attorney, is going to the coast with Mrs. McCarn and their son and two daughters. He expects to leave in the June transport and his address will be "Honolulu, T. H."

Mr. McCarn has not resigned as district attorney for Hawaii, nor will he. As far as he knows, his trip to the coast will not take him to Washington, D. C. He is not going to the coast on "official business," he declared today.

He says that he is going back to Nashville, Tenn., his former home, to try several civil cases which have been pending since his arrival in Honolulu. When these are finished, he will return immediately to the islands with his family. He expects to be absent about three months.

During Mr. McCarn's absence J. Wesley Thompson, his assistant, will have charge of the work of the district attorney's office.

BELLIGERENTS BUYING MUCH AMERICAN SUGAR

[By Latest Mail]
YONKERS, N. Y., April 30.—It was announced at the Federal Sugar Refining plant here today that an order for \$3,000,000 worth of sugar had been received from the Allies for use in the armies and navies fighting in the European war. The order calls for 25,000 tons of refined sugar, and is the second war order this refinery has received in eight months.

with pink hibiscus. An admission of 50 cents will be charged.

IMPROVEMENT AT MANOA WILL BE STARTED RIGHT

District Ordinance Repealed By
Supervisors, But New Bill
Is Introduced

At last night's meeting of the supervisors the resolution to put into effect the Manoa improvement district ordinance, passed some time ago and deferred pending legal and engineering details and the necessary purchase of strips of land, was repealed on motion of Supervisor Arnold. The ordinance had formerly been repealed. A new ordinance creating the district was introduced by the same member and passed first reading by title, but not to print as members desired to have copies in hand before acting.

The repeal of the resolution and introduction of a new ordinance were made advisable in view of the law passed by the late legislature, enabling the acquisition of land and the making of improvements to be effected under a single ordinance. Manoa may now expect to see its improvement scheme go through its necessary stages to consummation without any more delays.

Police & Hospital Reports

Deputy Sheriff Asch will hold an inquest over the death of Tai Sa, an aged Chinese, found unconscious by neighbors who visited the home on Kuakini street last evening. Investigation by the police indicated the man came to his death by natural causes. He is reported to have been ill for some months.

Valley - View MANOA

Medium sized lots are for sale here in VALLEY VIEW at medium prices. Property is on the car line; there is city water, gas, electric lights and telephone service. A fine lot may be bought for as small a sum as \$1050. Terms \$200 cash; the balance may be paid in monthly installments of \$25.00.

Trent Trust Co.

Bracelet Watches

A NEW ASSORTMENT JUST ARRIVED. THEY ARE BEAUTIES.
Vieira Jewelry Co., Ltd., - 113 Hotel St.

Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., Limited.

FURNISHED

1150 Young St.....	2 bedrooms.....	\$37.50
1252 Kinau St.....	3 " ".....	40.00
2568 Rooke St., Puunui.....	4 " ".....	75.00
2562 Jones St., Manoa.....	4 " ".....	60.00
1605 Anapuni St.....	3 " ".....	50.00
Waikiki.....	3 " ".....	40.00
Kinau and Makiki Sts.....	3 " ".....	50.00

UNFURNISHED

1270 Matlock Ave.....	3 bedrooms.....	\$32.00
2116 Lunalilo Drive, Manoa.....	3 " ".....	45.00
1148 Lunalilo St.....	4 " ".....	32.50
1328 Kinau St.....	3 " ".....	35.00
2205 McKinley St.....	3 " ".....	45.00
1579 Piikoi St.....	3 " ".....	37.50
770 Kinau St.....	4 " ".....	32.50
1877 Kalakaua Ave.....	3 " ".....	20.00
1901 Young St.....	3 " ".....	25.00
1126 King St.....	5 " ".....	50.00
1205 Wilhelmina Rise.....	3 " ".....	27.50
2015 Oahu Ave., Manoa.....	2 " ".....	30.00
1317 Makiki St.....	3 " ".....	30.00
2144 Lanikula Drive.....	3 " ".....	45.00
1454 Thurston Ave.....	2 " ".....	27.50
702 Wylie St. and Puunui Ave.....	4 " ".....	50.00
1251 Lunalilo St.....	3 " ".....	45.00
1313 Makiki St.....	3 " ".....	30.00
2030 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa.....	3 " ".....	40.00
Cor. Mokuauia and Colburn Sts.....	3 " ".....	15.00
Adams Lane.....	3 " ".....	35.00
Lower Manoa road and Hillside.....	2 " ".....	37.50
Mendocino tract, Liliha St.....	3 " ".....	20.00
Kewalo St.....	3 " ".....	40.00